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Belgium, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Guinea, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Lesotho, Liberia, Luxembourg, Mali, Netherlands, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Portugal, Sierra Leone, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America: revised draft resolution

Assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Liberia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/232 of 21 December 1990, 46/147 of 17 December 1991, 47/154 of 18 December 1992, 48/197 of 21 December 1993, 49/21 E of 20 December 1994, 50/58 A of 12 December 1995, 51/30 B of 5 December 1996, 52/169 E of 16 December 1997, 53/1 I of 16 November 1998, 55/176 of 19 December 2000 and 57/151 of 16 December 2002,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General,[1]

Commending the Economic Community of West African States and the International Contact Group on Liberia for facilitating the signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement in Accra on 18 August 2003, which inter alia, provided for the formation of the National Transitional Government of Liberia and the holding of democratic elections in October 2005, and for continuing their collaborative efforts with the transitional authority in the peacebuilding and security in Liberia,

Welcoming the establishment of the United Nations Mission in Liberia in accordance with Security Council resolution 1509 (2003), thereby creating an enabling environment for the restoration of peace and stability in the country,

[1] See A/59/293, paras. 62-78.

Also welcoming the formal completion of the Mission's disarmament and demobilization operations on 31 October 2004 and the subsequent official dissolution of factions on 3 November 2004,

Considering that the holding of free and fair presidential and general elections in October 2005 is a vital undertaking for ensuring national unity, peacebuilding and reconstruction,

Deeply concerned about the recent violence in the city of Monrovia and its environs, which poses a serious threat to the peace process,

Recognizing the importance of a thriving private sector, employment generation, good governance and rule of law to sustainable economic growth,

1. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Economic Community of West African States, the African Union, donor countries, specialized agencies of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations for their valuable support in the provision of humanitarian assistance and their adoption of a comprehensive approach to peacebuilding in Liberia and the subregion;

2. *Also expresses its gratitude* to all donor countries, specialized agencies of the United Nations system and governmental and non-governmental organizations for their participation in the International Conference for the Reconstruction of Liberia, held at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 5 February 2004, at which the National Transitional Government presented the results-focused transition framework, and urges those who have not yet honoured their pledges and commitments to do so;

3. *Calls upon* all signatories to the 18 August 2003 Comprehensive Peace Agreement to uphold the spirit and letter of its provisions, to seek to promote socio-economic development and a culture of sustained peace in the country, including a commitment to the rule of law, national reconciliation and human rights and to refrain from actions that may jeopardize the work of the National Transitional Government;

4. *Invites* all States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to provide assistance to Liberia to facilitate the creation of an enabling environment for the promotion of peace, socio-economic development and regional security, including, inter alia, by emphasizing capacity-building, institution-building and employment generation in their work and ensuring that such work complements and contributes to the development of an economy characterized by an investment climate conducive to entrepreneurship, good governance and the rule of law;

5. *Urges* the National Transitional Government to create an environment conducive to the promotion of socio-economic development, peace and security in the country, including a commitment to upholding the rule of law, national reconciliation and human rights, establishing inclusive processes that will ensure free and fair presidential and general elections in October 2005 with maximum participation of the citizenry as well as a commitment to ensure transparency in the management of government expenditures and donor funds;

6. *Invites* the international community to provide financial and technical assistance to the National Transitional Government to facilitate free and fair presidential and general elections in October 2005;

7. *Urges* the National Transitional Government and all States to facilitate and support the return and reintegration of ex-combatants into their home communities, with special attention to children;

8. *Commends* the Secretary-General for his continuing efforts to mobilize international assistance for the development and reconstruction of Liberia, and requests him to continue his efforts to mobilize all possible assistance within the United Nations system to help in the reconstruction and development of Liberia and in the return and reintegration of refugees, displaced persons and demobilized soldiers;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session on the implementation of the present resolution;

10. *Decides* to consider at its sixty-first session the question of international assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Liberia.